



Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS—DECEMBER 16, 2018

CMCL

DECEMBER 16 DURING ADULT CHRISTIAN ED— We are offering a gathering for those who are feeling great loss, precariousness, or difficulty during this Holiday season. We acknowledge, for some, this season can herald far more than what the angels sing. Please join us in the Christian Ed wing, across from the Fish Bowl, at 11. Facilitated by members of pastoral team; please come and join us!

MINUTES FROM CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — The minutes from the meeting on December 2 can be found on the CMCL website at <https://communitymennonite.org/congregational-resources/minutes-and-special-reports/>

DECEMBER SPECIAL SERVICES

Solstice Service— December 21, 7:00 p.m. An evening of music, prayer and poetry, featuring original poetry read by Lancaster poet Beth Weaver-Kreider.

Christmas Eve— December 23, 7:00 p.m. followed by cookies and hot drinks. *Please bring cookies to share!*

3RD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS JAMBOREE: DEC 16—TODAY between 1 and 4 you can drop your children off in the Parrot Gallery for 3 hours of Gingerbread House making, cooking baking, tree ornament creating and lots of other fun fun fun. Hope yours can join us- and you get an afternoon off to do whatever you need/want to do.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM—On Sunday December 23 our children and youth will be offering the Christmas Program during our regular service hour. In CE leading up to the 23rd, we will be preparing our children for their roles in the presentation. There will be no Christian Education on the 23rd.

WE NEED YOUR NATIVITY ORPHANS! Do you have any stray nativity scene figures, or similarly-sized toy figurines that need a new home? If so, please bring them to Pastor Susan so that they can be part of our Christmas Eve service.

YOUTH SAFE CHURCH TRAINING—If you are a youth interested in working with children at CMCL, we ask that you go through a safe church training similar to what our Approved Adults go through. Recently, there have been a number of youth asking for this training so they can help out in the Fish Bowl and during other activities. I would love to offer a training for everyone

Next Sunday, December 23

Worship Leader— Malinda Clatterbuck

Sermon— Children's Program

Song Leader— Marty Kelley

Prelude/Offertory— Marty Kelley

Sound Technician— Steve Stayrook/Ismail Salim

Greeter—Mary Lou Weaver Houser

Ushers— Beth Ann Good, Linda Berger, Beth Crosby, Dave Lutz

Child Care—Omer Brubaker, Christine Kauffman; Helper— Ashton Clatterbuck

CMCL Calendar

December 2018

HOLDING IN LIGHT AND LOVE

The persons named below are CMCLers who have shared joys or prayer concerns with the community in the previous weeks, or persons who are no longer physically able to come to services. Please take time to remember these folks especially throughout the week, in thought and prayer.

If you have a joy or prayer concern you would like to bring to the congregation, please call or e-mail Pam Brubaker, pam@communitymennonite.org.

Anne Sensenig and Daniel Erdman

Luke and Mary Bomberger

Barb & Joseph Gascho

Grace Byler

Amelia Rauser, Michael, Henry & Agatha Clapper

Jack Shope & Karl Mumma

Jean Sensenig & Daryl Snider

interested. Please contact Malinda by Dec 15 if would like to be a part of this, and we will get a date set for all to attend. Thanks.

STILL NEED A WREATH? There are many Senior Youth Christmas Wreaths still available so pick one up this Sunday! Your \$30 purchase will be put towards the upcoming summer trip to the MCUSA Convention in Kansas City. Thank you!

MOOS CHRISTMAS— It is that time of year again- time to share a little Christmas cheer with our MOOS children. You will find a tree downstairs, outside the Christian Education wing, that has tags on it. Please pull a tag off and purchase a present for the age of the child on the tag. We think a \$10-\$15 gift is appropriate. The gifts can be left with Malinda Harnish Clatterbuck, who will deliver them to the children just before Christmas. Thank you so much for your generosity.

PEACE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: RECRUITMENT TIME—Yes, it's that time if year again to get our Peace School Committee together. We will begin meeting in January, and go through Peace School in June 18, 19, 20. The commitment is short and we always have a lot of fun. We need committee members who are creative and visionary, as well as members who are organized and structurally minded. (So, yes, there is a place for you!). Contact Malinda if you are interested in being involved.

ADVENT PRACTICE CIRCLE—Anyone who would like to join our Advent Practice Circle is still welcome. We are reading "Your Light Gives Us Hope " by Anselm Grun, a Benedictine monk. You are invited to spend time with a short daily meditation and share your response with an email list at the end of each week. To participate, send your name to melissamyersstock@gmail.com

MENNONITE MEN—**Save the Date**, April 12-14 2019, Men's Retreat at Charter Hall, MD. Linford: lingood@comcast.net Andre: drechubb@gmail.com

PICK UP PURCHASED ART —Persons who have purchased items from Ken Nissley's woodworking display in the Parrot Gallery can pick up their items this Sunday, December 16, or contact Ken directly to make other arrangements. All items will be removed after this Sunday. If anyone has interest in the larger furniture items, please note that any reasonable offer will be considered - just call Ken. (717-808-2624)

FROM PAM BRUBAKER— I want to share my thanks to those who spoke words of encouragement to me or said a prayer or sent a card. I felt the love and support of CMCL during this season of surgery and recovery and it really mattered. I am truly grateful!

FROM CHERYL WEBER —Thanks so much for the cards, flowers, and notes after the death of my father. It was wonderful to feel the presence and support of CMCL.

FROM LAUREL MARTIN—Thank you for your warm thoughts, prayers, and thoughtful cards during the passing of my Dad. It means so much to me to be part of this supportive congregation.

CLAPPER/RAUSER FAMILY TRAVELS—Amelia Rauser, Michael Clapper, Henry and Agatha will be leaving on December 15 to travel to Kochi, India for the coming winter and spring, where Amelia will be a Fulbright-Nehru Scholar. Please hold them in your thoughts and prayers as they are far from us in the coming months.

Community/General Mennonite

Due to an outstanding response, Abe's tree farm closed on Sunday, December 2. Many thanks to all who visited our farm. Lois Martin

FREE RANGE HYMNS INTERACTIVE CONCERT AND HYMN SING WITH SOPA SOL AND KEN NAFZIGER: Saturday, January 5 at 6:00 pm, East Chestnut St. Mennonite Church. Ken Nafziger—longtime music director at EMU and beloved song leader—will lead singing accompanied by Sopa Sol: Daryl Snider, Frances Miller and Nathan Bontrager. Sopa Sol will also perform selections from the *Free Range Hymns* album released in 2017: re-imagined hymns featuring their unique instrumental and vocal combinations. CDs will be available. All are welcome to enjoy the evening. Entry is free, with donations appreciated. Website: sopasol.com/events – Email: contact@sopasol.com

SILENT AUCTION FOR MCC- Have you recently downsized and have art, pottery, beautiful vases or small furniture that needs a new home? Do you have an experience you could offer such as an international meal or house concert? Do you knit, work with wood or paint? Do you have a beach/mountain get-a-way that you could donate for a weekend? Please contact Lynn by the end of January if you have an item/event/service to offer for the silent auction. Our congregation has been so generous in the past and helped to raise \$10,000 last year in the silent auction. Thanks- Lynn. lynnjsommer@gmail.com

Church Report

December 2

Attendance: 190
General Fund: \$17,035
MOOS: \$450

December 9

Attendance: 191
General Fund: \$10,610
MOOS: \$25

Weekly offerings need to average \$9,744 to meet budget.